



United States Department of Agriculture
Food and Nutrition Service

Southeast Region

Reply to

Attn. of: SERO Policy

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Subject: Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Policy Memorandum 226.06-37: Age Limits for CACFP Emergency Shelter Residents

To: All State Directors
Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)
Southeast Region

The Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Public Law 108-265) raised the age limit for residents of emergency shelters who are eligible to receive CACFP meals. The law amended section 17(t) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act.

Currently, emergency shelters may serve CACFP meals to residents who are 12 years old or younger, or who are migratory children 15 years of age or younger, or who have disabilities. Beginning October 1, 2004, this action allows emergency shelters to serve CACFP meals to residents 18 years of age or younger, and to residents of any age, who have disabilities.

Please notify your institutions and implement this policy as appropriate. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.

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